Peace of Mind for the Ones You Love

If the unexpected happened tomorrow, would you and your loved ones be financially prepared? Most of us know we need life insurance, yet many of us delay purchasing it. Let’s look at some common reasons people wait too long to get the life insurance protection they need.

Myth #1: Life insurance is expensive. Let’s face it, we all have monthly bills and after those are paid, there may not be much left over. However, life insurance is often less expensive than you think; you can probably purchase a term life policy that costs less than taking your family out to eat.* If money seems tight now, imagine how difficult it will be for your family if something happened to you. Make room in your budget for life insurance today.

Myth #2: Life insurance through my employer is enough. Many people have life insurance through their employer. While it’s a nice benefit, coverage is usually limited to a multiple of your salary and typically ends or reduces when you leave your job. Purchasing a policy that can go wherever you do can protect your loved ones, regardless of your employment status. Consider an individual life insurance policy to supplement your employer-sponsored coverage.

Myth #3: I can always get coverage later. No one knows what tomorrow brings, which is why life insurance is important. There is no guarantee your health will remain as good as it is today, which can make purchasing coverage difficult later. Additionally, premiums increase with age, which could make obtaining coverage unaffordable the longer you wait. Getting level premium life insurance while you’re young and healthy is the best way to lock in inexpensive premiums and ensure you’ll have coverage when you need it. Don’t risk waiting until premiums are unaffordable or coverage is unattainable; purchase life insurance now.

SECU is here to help give you peace of mind for the ones you love. Contact an Insurance Representative at 888-732-8562 or visit your local branch to apply. Life insurance is offered through SECU Life Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of SECU.

*100,000 standard class, non-nicotine use 20-year term life policy for a 35-year old female is $14.00 per month. Form SITL-POL-051815.

Life insurance is not guaranteed by, or an obligation of any credit union and is not insured by NCUA. Insurance Representatives are licensed to sell in North Carolina only.
Planning for the Sandwich Generation

A growing number of people are working to meet their daily obligations, raise their own children, and also support an aging parent or parents. This group is known as the sandwich generation. Largely made up of individuals age 40-59, this generation is tasked with simultaneously saving for retirement, paying for college and other expenses for their children, and providing financial assistance for aging parents. With individuals living longer and having children later in life, adequate planning is needed to help meet personal financial goals.

Taking specific steps can help ensure the needs of family members are included with your financial goals. The first step is to establish an emergency fund, which can assist with expenses such as an unexpected car repair or medical bill. Next, pay down debt and avoid taking on additional debt. By eliminating debt, additional assets are freed up to meet other financial goals. Finally, make saving for retirement a priority by saving early and consistently. Doing so will help ensure that you are in a better position if you are tasked with caring for aging parents or adult children. Speak with your parents about their financial situation early on. Although it can be difficult to discuss financial matters with parents, you need to know if they will require assistance in the future.

Balancing the care of aging parents and children with your own financial goals can be stressful, but with the right plan, you are better equipped to reach your goals. To get started, contact your local branch to schedule an appointment for both a Spending Plan Review and a Retirement Planning session.

Visit https://www.ncsecu.org/Mortgages/HomeEquity.html for details.

SECU's Home Equity Line of Credit, Oh the Possibilities!
IRS Introduces New Tax Withholding Estimator Tool

If you owed a significant amount of taxes this past year or have experienced a change that may impact your future tax returns, you may want to review your tax withholdings. Having enough taxes withheld during the year from your paycheck, pension, and/or Social Security payments can help avoid a large tax bill in April.

To encourage more taxpayers to review their withholdings and make adjustments as needed during the year, the IRS has introduced a new Tax Withholding Estimator. The redesigned tool offers the following features:

- Language that is easier to understand
- The ability to correct previous entries without starting over and to skip screens that don’t apply
- Tips and links to help determine if you qualify for tax credits and deductions
- A progress tracker
- A self-employment tax feature
- Automatic calculation of taxable Social Security benefits

To use the tool, you will need your most recent tax return and pay stubs. If you are married and file a joint return, you will need your spouse’s most recent pay stubs as well. Once you have entered all of your information, the Estimator will let you know if you are likely to receive a refund, break even, or have an amount due when you file your next tax return. If you are projected to have an amount due, you will receive recommendations to reduce or eliminate that amount either through updating your tax withholdings or by making estimated tax payments to the IRS throughout the remainder of the year.

You can locate the new tool by going to www.irs.gov and clicking on “Tax Withholding Estimator” on the main page. It is important to remember that the United States’ tax system is “pay as you go.” Therefore, in addition to being a financial burden, a large bill at tax time could also lead to additional penalties since this generally means you did not pay enough tax during the year. Reviewing the Estimator periodically, especially when there is a change to your financial situation, is a good way to avoid having to pay an additional amount to the IRS.

SECU Dormitory at NC FFA Center

The member-funded SECU Foundation recently celebrated the grand opening of the SECU Dormitory at the NC Future Farmers of America (NC FFA) Center in White Lake. The Foundation’s support, which was announced in 2018, provided a $400,000 grant to the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc. for the construction of the Dormitory.

At the Ribbon Cutting celebration in June, SECU Foundation Board Chair Bob Brinson spoke to attendees about the support of SECU members for the initiative, saying, “We are all very excited about this project and the tremendous impact it will have for the many members, guests, and visitors who will be served each year. The Foundation grant for the SECU Dormitory has provided NC Future Farmers of America with the space to expand and offer a greater number of students access to beneficial camps and leadership training.”

The White Lake NC FFA Center is the second oldest FFA camp in the United States, serving roughly 500,000 students and others since 1928. The 72-bed SECU Dormitory has increased the capacity of the Center to accommodate 1,800 campers during summer sessions.

“We are grateful for the generous support of the SECU Foundation,” said Joshua Bledsoe, State Agricultural Education Leader and State FFA Advisor. “Adding the new SECU Dormitory at the NC FFA Center helps provide leadership development and personal growth opportunities for even more FFA members and allows us to provide life-changing experiences that will forever shape our FFA members.

To learn more about this and other SECU Foundation initiatives, visit www.ncsecufoundation.org.

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Share & Deposit Account Rates
Effective August 20, 2019

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Quoted rates, dividends and annual percentage yields (APY) are subject to change daily at the discretion of the Board of Directors. For the most up-to-date rate information, visit www.ncsecu.org, call 1.800.ASK.SECU (1.800.275.7328) or 919.839.5400 locally in Raleigh.

*Initial checking deposit must cover first box of checks and first $1 monthly maintenance fee. Dividend Checking, Non-dividend Checking and CPG accounts are charged a monthly maintenance fee. Rates and fees are subject to change. Unless you opt out, $1 of the fee is contributed to the SECU Foundation. In this case, your account will still incur the maintenance fee.

**Non-dividend Checking accounts are no longer offered.

***Share Term Certificates are Fixed Rate accounts. All other accounts are Variable Rate accounts with rates subject to change daily after the account is opened.

Fees, other conditions or early withdrawal penalties may reduce the earnings on an account. Ask any employee for further information about the fees and terms applicable to these accounts.

See SECU's Account Rules and Regulations for more information.

Financial Condition
July 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

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Important References

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Tell Us About It

We realize there are ways we can improve our service. If you have a concern, we ask that you contact management at your local SECU branch to expedite feedback. We also welcome your suggestions. Please take a few moments to let us know how we may serve you better.

Please rate your last SECU experience by circling the following:

Promptness
Excellent
Satisfactory
Unsatisfactory

Courtesy
Excellent
Satisfactory
Unsatisfactory

Knowledge
Excellent
Satisfactory
Unsatisfactory

Level of Service
Excellent
Satisfactory
Unsatisfactory

How might SECU serve you better?

If you would like a reply, please complete below:

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Phone #
Email address

Please mail to:
SECU – Administration, PO Box 27665, Raleigh, NC 27611-7665

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